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SUBJECT: JAPAN-ROK STRATEGIC DIALOGUE: LIANCOURT ROCKS

Classified By: CDA Joseph R. Donovan. Reason: 1.4 (B) (D)

[1](#)1. (C) MOFA Director General for Asia and Oceania Kenichi Sasae informed Charge Donovan on September 1 that he would be in Seoul on September 7 accompanying Vice Minister Shotaro Yachi to the third round of the Japan-ROK "Strategic Dialogue." Sasae said Japan would again propose establishment of a prior notification regime for maritime survey activities in the seas surrounding Liancourt Rocks (Takeshima/Dokdo).

[1](#)2. (C) Asked if Japan were planning another survey in the near term, Sasae said no decision had been made about a specific date, but added that, for technical reasons, a survey would "have to be done" before the end of October.  
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